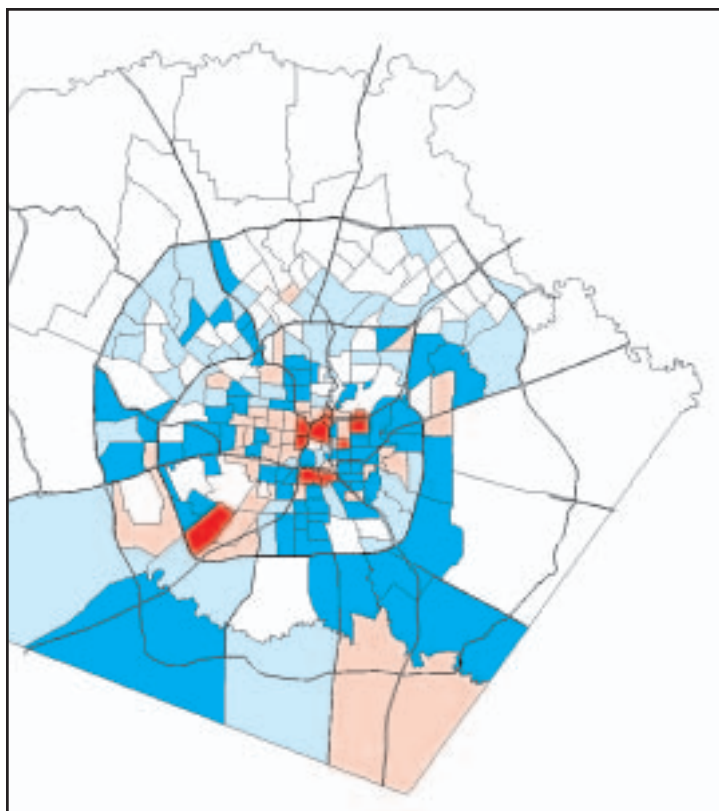


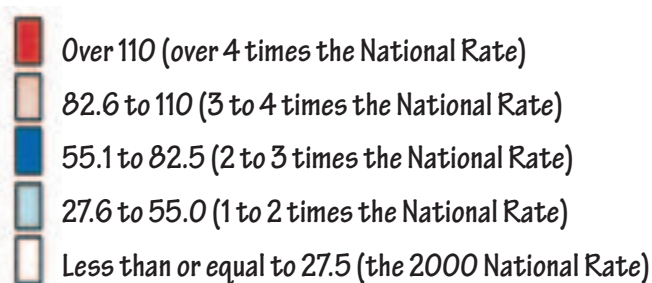
# teen pregnancy

## Bexar County 2002



### 1998 - 2000 Bexar County Birth Rate for Females 15 - 17

Birth per 1000 Females 15 - 17:



(1998 - 2000 Births / 3)

(1999 Claritas Population Estimates)

### THE GOOD NEWS:

Bexar County's rate of births to females 15 - 17 fell to 49.3 per 1000 in the year 2000. This is a decrease of over 16% since 1994.

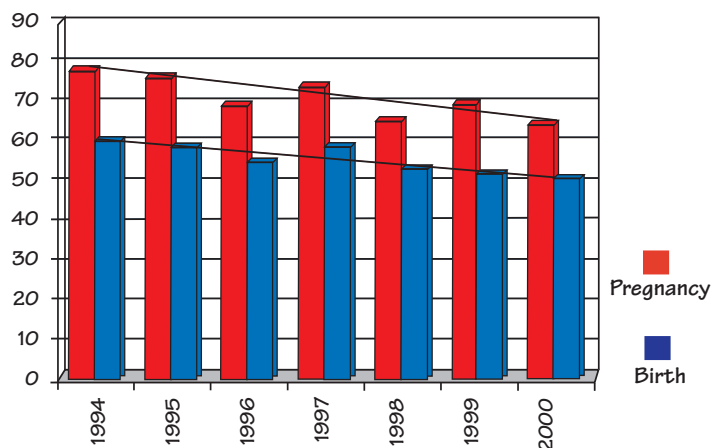
### STILL TOO HIGH...

In 2000, Bexar County's rate of births to females 15 - 17 was 49.3 per 1,000: over 79% higher than the U.S. rate of 27.5 per 1,000.

For Bexar County females 10 - 14, the rate of births was 2.0 per 1,000: more than twice the U.S. rate of 0.9 per 1,000!

### Bexar County 1994 - 2000

Pregnancies, Births per 1000 Females 15 - 17



Source: Texas Department of Health

## Teen Pregnancy Risks to Mom, Dad and Baby

### Mom:

- ◆ Dropping out of school
- ◆ Single Parenthood
- ◆ More offspring
- ◆ Late prenatal care

### Dad:

- ◆ Receiving less education
- ◆ Earning a lower income
- ◆ Alcohol/drug use
- ◆ Dropping out of school

### Baby:

- ◆ Low birth weight
- ◆ Abuse and neglect
- ◆ Becoming a teen parent
- ◆ Poor school performance

## 2000 Births to Mothers Under Age 18 in Bexar County by School District:

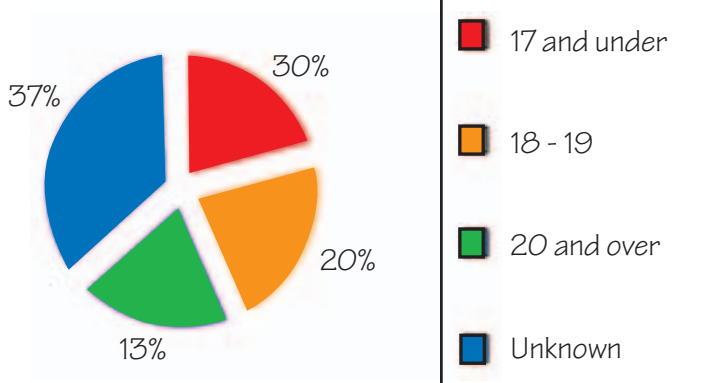
DISTRICT	Total # of births under 18
San Antonio	595
Northside	242
Northeast	176
Edgewood	149
Harlandale	114
Southwest	82
South San Antonio	80
Judson	59
East Central	31
Southside	16
Alamo Heights	10
Somerset*	8
Randolph Field	1
Ft. Sam Houston	0
Lackland	0

\*Does not include Atascosa County Births.

## WHAT WORKS TO REDUCE TEEN PREGNANCY?

- ◆ There are no simple answers: communities must do LOTS of things to prevent teen pregnancy.
- ◆ Well-designed sex education programs can reduce risky behavior and help kids wait to have sex. Sex education does NOT increase sexual activity.
- ◆ Contraceptives can help prevent pregnancy and STDs. Knowing about contraceptives does NOT promote sexual activity.
- ◆ Youth development programs offer teens a brighter future and reasons to delay having sex and having babies.
- ◆ Parents can help by talking to their kids about sex, love, values, and responsibility.

## Many fathers of “teen” pregnancies are older:



Bexar County 2000 Age of Fathers  
of Babies born to Females under age 18

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